

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideki TAKAHASHI

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing dates of U.S. Application Serial Numbers 10/300,816 and 09/705,769, filed 11/21/02 and 11/06/00, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:  
**Application No.** **Date Filed**
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

| <b><u>COUNTRY</u></b> | <b><u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u></b> | <b><u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u></b> |
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| Japan                 | 11-318821                        | November 9, 1999             |

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☒ was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/705,769 filed 11/06/00.
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)  
☐ are submitted herewith  
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